

**Work Session Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2021**

A work session of the Hulmeville Borough Council was held on the above date via Zoom. This meeting was advertised in the Courier Times, notice was posted at the Borough Hall and on the Borough website.

Roll call was taken by Thomas Wheeler

Councilmembers Present: Thomas Wheeler, President, Dan Mandolesi, Vice President, Mayor Mahon, Doug Harris, Nick Lodise and Nicholas Toth

Councilmembers Absent: Judy Coleman and Doug Edge

Councilmembers Late: none

Others in Attendance: Solicitor, Robert DeBias, Secretary, Dorothy Omietanski, Fire Marshal, Bill Wheeler, Sheri Wheeler, Jay Moser, and Treasurer Diane McKairnes.

Absent: Authority Kurt Ludwig.

Call to Order: Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Wheeler Stated:

We are holding this meeting pursuant to Act 15 of 2020, and as a result of the Emergency Declaration issued by Governor Wolf. This meeting was duly advertised in the Courier Times, and by a notice posted at the Borough Hall. A recording of this meeting and a preliminary draft of the minutes will be placed on the Borough Website.

Public Comment: none

Solicitor:

- Borough Manager – Mr. DeBias will have the ordinance for the Borough Manager ready for adoption at the April meeting. Mr. DeBias asked Ms. Omietanski to have four copies of the ordinance signed after council approves the ordinance and to forward one to him.
- Subdivisions – Mr. DeBias reminded council the hearing on the two subdivisions will be held at the April 5th meeting. Mr. DeBias will schedule a stenographer attend the meeting and the cost of their service will be split evenly between the two property owners. The owner of 111 Green Street submitted another plan to the borough engineer. Mr. DeBias pointed out that the owner needs to submit formal copies of the plans to the Borough secretary and the secretary should distribute the plans to council and its professional involved with the subdivision. Mr. DeBias requested that Ms. Omietanski put together a packet of information concerning both subdivisions for each council member to prepare

for the April meeting. The Main Street subdivision is requesting Council approval to remove two trees. Mr. Mandolesi stated that for every tree removed they should need to plant a 12-foot tree with a 2 1/2-inch trunk. Also 111 Green St is offering to pay the Borough \$5,000 in lieu of sidewalks, curbs and street lights. Mr. Wheeler is trying to contact the engineer for the Main Street subdivision to discuss the water connections. Currently they are planning to run a 2-foot trench across Main Street to connect. Mr. Wheeler is going to recommend they “gopher” the connection instead. Mr. Mandolesi will forward to council the final reviews and planning commission report on these subdivisions.

EMC:

- Hazard Mitigation Plan – On March 4th Fire Marshal Wheeler attended an introductory meeting to discuss the 2021 Hazard Mitigation process. Hulmeville’s main hazard threat is mostly dealing with flooding. Having representation in all the meetings provides Hulmeville with access to grants. The next meeting will be held on April 8th and the process should be completed by mid-June.
- COVID Restrictions – The state is relaxing restrictions the beginning of April. Bar service will be allowed again without the food requirement and they will increase restaurant capacity.
- COVID Relief – Hulmeville should be receiving \$98,769 in relief over a two-year period. The Borough can use the support as they see fit and may be able assist local businesses or perform infrastructure improvements. The money should arrive by mid-June and the funds need to be used by 2024. Mr. Mandolesi informed council that Tina Davis’s office did tell him he could use the funds to make the repairs to Borough Hall. Mayor Mahon would like some of the funds to go to all the local businesses if possible.

Fire Marshal:

- Annual Burn Permits – To date Fire Marshal Wheeler has issued 7 permits and has 2 applications pending.

New Business:

- Dog Park – Ms. McKairnes inquired into building a dog park in the Borough. Ms. Wheeler has researched creating a dog park but has put it aside due to the current dog issues in the Borough. Ms. Wheeler did contact Middletown Township to see what the cost was to build a park and the rules they had for the participants of the park. Mr. Harris explained Core Creek requires you to register your dog. Ms. McKairnes will call Morrisville Township to see what the rules are at their park.
- Interceptor Work – Pennndel is currently completing their work on the Interceptor. The work is more extensive than Mayor Mahon realized it was going to be. Mayor Mahon did call Gilmore regarding the work. Her biggest concern is the loose dirt that could easily wash away if a large rain event should occur. Currently there are no remediation measures being taken at the work cite.

- Webinar – On March 30th there will be a webinar on subdivision and land development to be viewed at Borough Hall from 6:30 -8:00 pm.
- Hazardous Collections – There are five hazardous collections dates scheduled throughout the County. The dates and locations are posted on the Borough website. If you want to participate you need to register at buckshhw.eventbrite.com and it will be a drive-up event.
- Thank you – Mayor Mahon wanted to thank everyone who helped take the Christmas tree down at the Memorial Park.

Old Business:

- Waste Management – Ms. McKairnes called Waste Management and they informed her that the contract could not be cancelled. Waste Management charges \$179 per month and for 36 months would cost the Borough \$6,444. The current contract is for three years and the cost of cancelling the agreement would be \$1,074.00. Leck will charge the Borough \$75 per month so 36 months would cost the Borough \$2,700.00. If the Borough would like to increase the service to two collections a month Leck charges \$100 per month. Mr. Wheeler asked if Diane could inquire if the Borough could schedule two pick-ups May to October and one pick up the rest of the year. Ms. McKairnes also pointed out Leck charges \$75 to initially drop the bin off.

Motion made by Mr. Harris and seconded by Mr. Mandolesi to enter into an agreement with Leck for a 3-year contract for a trash bid at Borough Hall and to terminate the agreement with Waste Management at a cost of \$1,074; motion passed with all in favor 5-0-0.

- International Property Maintenance Code – Mr. DeBias explained that before an ordinance can be drafted there are blanks in the code that need to be filled in. Mr. Harris scheduled a meeting with the committee for March 31st via zoom at 7 pm to complete this information.
- Easter Bunny Event – Mayor Mahon reminded everyone the drive-up Easter Bunny event will be held at the William Penn Fire Co on April 3rd at 12 noon.
- Potholes – Mr. Lodise did call PennDOT regarding the potholes on Main St and Neshaminy St. He is waiting for a call back.
- Penndel Fundraiser – Mr. Lodise informed council that Penndel will be sending flyers to Hulmeville residents regarding a fundraising event they are having to complete repairs on a memorial in Penndel.

There being no further official business the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 pm; motion made by Mr. Harris and seconded by Mr. Toth; carried 5-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski
Secretary Hulmeville Borough